

**Police
CITY OF AUSTIN**

**AGENDA #18
DATE: 4/20/2006**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR
COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act, in the amount of \$80,000 for the renewal of the Austin Police Department project entitled Assistance to Female Victims of Domestic Violence.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is available in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act, for the grant period September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2007. A cash match of \$31,522 is required and will be met by continuing the existing salary funding and additional personnel expenses for grant funded FTEs to be proposed in the Fiscal Year 2006 - 2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department Victim Services Program.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Requesting Department: Police

For More Information:

Prior Council Action: March 3, 2005

Boards and Commission Action:

This action authorizes the City to apply for and accept \$80,000 in forth year grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) for the Austin Police Department to provide "Assistance to Female Victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking." The grant period will run from September 1, 2006 – August 31, 2007.

A cash match of \$31,522 is required and will be met by continuing the existing salary funding and additional personnel costs for the grant funded FTEs to be proposed in the FY 2006-2007 Operating Budget for the Austin Police Department (APD), Victim Services Program. Funding for the continued operation of this program is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

The grant funds two full-time equivalent (FTE) Victim Counselors to provide counseling, service referrals, and assistance to more than 1,000 victims through the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Protection Team. The counselors work in coordination with other Team members to reduce victim trauma. The Team is a collaboration of agencies including Family Violence Detectives and Victim Services Counselors in the Austin Police Department, the Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Travis County District Attorney's Office, the Women's Advocacy Project, Texas Rural Legal Aid, the Travis County Attorney's Office, and SafePlace.

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Austin, to authorize the application for and acceptance of \$80,000 in fourth year grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act for the renewal of the Austin Police Department project entitled "Assistance to Female Victims of Domestic Violence"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed application for and acceptance of State grant funds for said project, in the amount of \$80,000 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act for the renewal of the Austin Police Department project entitled "Assistance to Female Victims of Domestic Violence"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to providing for the applicable matching funds as required; and

WHEREAS, the City Council designates the Assistant City Manager for Public Safety as the authorized official who has the power to apply for, accept, reject, agree to alter or terminate this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the Criminal Justice Division in full, **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council approves the application for and acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$80,000.

ADOPTED: _____, 2006

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk